

HOWNIKAN

PEOPLE OF THE FIRE



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Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe

July, 1989



Ms. Helen Wright was introduced to the pow wow ring through a traditional ceremony Friday evening. She is the granddaughter of tribal member Mary LaClair. More photos inside.

Annual tribal event breaks all records

June 23, 24 and 25, 1989 broke all previous Potawatomi participation and attendance records as hundreds of tribal members descended on Shawnee to celebrate their annual "family reunion" with a pow wow, business meeting and election.

The tribal rolls department, archives, health services department, museum, convenience store and golf course were inundated with visiting tribal members as early as Wednesday, June 21, when a casual perusal of the pow wow grounds camp site revealed vehicles from Tennessee, South Dakota, Washington, Kansas, Missouri and Texas.

The Pottawatomie County Commission, City of Shawnee and Tecumseh City Commission all declared the last weekend in June "Citizen Band Potawatomi Days," and urged area residents to participate in the tribe's scheduled activities.

The Fire Lake All Indian Golf Association sponsored seven scrambles on Friday and a tournament Saturday and Sunday. Horse-shoes, health screenings, genealogy research, traditional food, drums and dancing served to balance out the weekend's more serious purpose: the annual General Council meeting and tribal election.

Incumbents take election in landslide

By Pat Sulcer

Potawatomi voters in the 1989 election turned out in record numbers to send a resounding message to the incumbent tribal administration: We're pleased with the progress the tribe has made, keep up the good work!

John "Rocky" Barrett, tribal chairman since 1985, won an unprecedented third term re-election by a landslide vote over Cecil Pensoneau of 857 to 429.

Dr. Francis Levier, committeeman and tribal administrator since 1985, won handily over former

chairman Leon Bruno with an 850 to 442 vote.

Hilton Melot, a Business Committeeman since 1987, claimed easy victory over former committeeman Richard Whitecotton by a 798 to 486 vote.

The largest winning margin in any tribal election prior to 1989 was 33 votes.

Jerry Paul Motley, candidate for the Grievance Committee, eased out Patty Sue Beeton by a 667 to 560 vote, while another Grievance Committee candidate, Esther

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From Left, Lowden, Levier, Motley, Melot, Barrett, Tribal Court Clerk Joie White, District Court Judge Phil Lujan

From the Tribal administrator

Thanks to all who voted, worked or came to Council

By Dr. Francis Levier

Megwetch to all who were involved in the overwhelming victory of this administration in the 1989 tribal election. Thanks, however, goes out to everyone who voted or otherwise participated in the General Council activities of our tribe. These days your participation in your tribe may prove to be even more important than your participation nationally or locally in your hometowns.

The "Citizen Band Potawatomi Days" festivities this year surpassed even our greatest expectations. I would like to take a moment to recognize the true heroes of the weekend. Our tribal staff always does all of the work and gets none of the glory, so . . .

The Potawatomi Health Services Department conducted health screenings at the museum and planned the preparation of the Saturday evening free meal, as well as staffing an emergency aid



station at the pow wow grounds. Everyone attending the traditional dinner was fed - more than 2,500!

Our Title VI staff and cook prepared the free meal and were assisted by the Food Distribution and WIC staffs. Gallons and gallons of food, as well as cakes, and fry bread cooked over an outdoor fire took days to prepare.

Our JTPA department and the Summer Youth Program participants were critical to the success of the weekend, setting up the meeting room and serving food, as well as helping spit and polish the entire tribal complex and grounds.

The Accounting Department worked everywhere for everyone. If we ever need emergency fill-in help at the Tribal Store I'll know where to look!

The Tribal Rolls, Archives and Communications Department held the annual council together. The Communications Department works almost entirely behind the scenes. As I write this on the Monday after the Sunday close of pow wow the *HowNiKan* is already being prepared for print to get the election results to you as soon as possible.

The Tribal Museum and Trading Post stayed open all day Saturday and manned a booth at the pow wow grounds all weekend. More than \$10,000

in merchandise was sold - establishing a new record for both one-day and weekend sales!

The Tribal Convenience Store managed to maintain its excellent service to customers despite an increase of hundreds of persons served - and also staffed a booth at the pow wow.

Our pow wow staff, under the direction of Orval Kirk, were simply outstanding and put in many long hours throughout the year in preparation for this one weekend.

Fire Lake Golf Course did a tremendous job throughout the weekend handling the All Indian Tournament and seven scrambles. Special thanks to Truman and John for organizing the events.

The entire staff must be commended for their tireless efforts and standards of excellence.

The real heroes of the weekend were probably the least visible. The maintenance and operations crew have been in preparation for this weekend for three months and worked non-stop throughout the festivities. They brought the facilities together - and kept them together. Thanks guys, and megwetch to the entire staff. The Potawatomi should be proud to have this caliber of dedication employed at the tribe.

Walking On

Franklin S. Wano

Jan. 1, 1930-June 11, 1989

Rev. Franklin S. Wano, 59, Shawnee died of a short illness Sunday, June 11, in Oklahoma Memorial Hospital, Oklahoma City.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 14 in Liberty Baptist Church. Officiating was the Rev. Robbie Robinson, son-in-law of the deceased, and ministers of the Full Gospel Assembly Church. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Rev. Wano was born Jan. 1, 1930 in Seminole, the son of Frank and Della (Williams) Wano. He was raised in the Sacred Heart area and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was hereditary chief of the Potawatomi Indian Tribe and attended Chilloco Indian School.

He married the former Dorothy Turner on Oct. 27, 1951 at Frederick, Okla. He retired from Tinker Air Force Base in July, 1978. He served as chaplain at Shawnee Medical Center and Mission Hill Memorial Hospital and

would have completed 16 years as a pastor in August of this year.

His church membership was with the Full Gospel Assembly Church of Tecumseh. He also belonged to the American Legion Gill-Mattox Post 16, Shawnee.

Survivors include: his wife, Dorothy Wano, of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Ellen Wano, Earlsboro; two daughters and sons-in-law; Debbie and Robbie Robinson, Shawnee; Reba and Floyd Conway, Tecumseh; two brothers: Max Wano, Midwest City; Bill Wano, Del City; six sisters: Geri Laughrey, Tonkawa; Laveta McCraw, Shawnee; Clara Belle Bridges, Valiant; Virginia Turk and Shirley Stafford, both of Oklahoma City; Barbara Dunn, Sparks; his mother, Della Wano, Shawnee; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Full Gospel Assembly, 1306 E. Main, Shawnee, OK 74801.



Chief Wano In 1983 With Portrait Of Peter Ship-She-Wano, An Ancestor

Walking On

Dennis Lee Schimmel II, Jan. 20, 1970-June 12, 1989

Services for Dennis Lee Schimmel, II, 19, Shawnee, were held at Northridge Church of Christ, Shawnee, OK. George Carman, minister of the church, officiated.

Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Schimmel died Monday evening, June 12, due to a work accident.

He was born Jan. 20, 1970 in

Chandler and was raised in Shawnee. He attended Sequoyah Elementary School, Shawnee Junior High School and graduated from Shawnee High School on May 28, 1988. He was currently a student at Oscar Rose State College in Midwest City and was employed at Buford White Lumber Company.

An active athlete, he was the quarterback for the Shawnee

High School football team in 1988. He was also active in the baseball program and participated in the wrestling and soccer activities. He attended Northridge Church of Christ.

Survivors include his mother, Debi Kelly, of the home; his father and stepmother, Dennis Lee and Crystal Schimmel, Shawnee; his paternal grandmother, Mildred Beagles,

Shawnee; his maternal grandparents, Louis and Juanita Hembree, Sparks; one sister, Priscilla Schimmel, Shawnee; his previous stepfather, Danny Ray York; and a host of uncles, aunts and other relatives.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dennis Schimmel, II, Memorial Fund, in care of Mike Sperry, Shawnee High School, 1001 N. Kennedy, Shawnee.

TRIBAL TRACTS

1989 Child Find Project underway

The Exceptional Child Find Project of the Division of Indian Education Programs, Anadarko Area Office, will be actively providing information on P.L. 94-142 and P.L. 99-457 through a process of awareness workshops and meetings. These activities will include seeking and accepting referrals of Indian handicapped children not receiving educational services between the ages of birth and 21 years. The Division of Indian Education Program acts as an advocate for the Indian handicapped children.

Public Law 94-142 is the Education for Handicapped Children Act which entitles handicapped children, ages of birth to 21 years, to a free appropriate education.

Public Law 99-457 amends the Education for Handicapped Children Act to provide early intervention services to handicapped infants, toddlers and preschool children.

Exceptional children are defined as those who are mentally retarded, learning disabled, emotionally disturbed, blind, visually impaired, hearing impaired, physically disabled, speech impaired, and other health impairments.

For more information, please contact Ms. Judy C-Littleman or Cheryl Red Elk at: Anadarko Area Office, Division of Indian Education, P.O. Box 368, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005, (405) 247-6673 Ext. 447.

Tribal Museum visitors increase

May 1989	GA - 1	Miss - 2
OK - 94	MO - 3	AZ - 1
CA - 10	Ireland - 1	Utah - 1
CO - 1	MI - 1	IA - 2
NY - 1	KS - 1	WA - 1
WI - 4	VA - 2	WA D. C. - 1
Ohio - 1	OR - 1	N. M. - 2
FL - 7		

Renyer makes dean's list

Congratulations to tribal member Thomas M. Renyer of Duncan, Oklahoma. Thomas, a junior at

Cameron University, is represented in the 12th Annual Edition of the National Dean's List, 1988-89.



MARCH 31, 1989

ASSETS

Cash and Due from Banks	789,000
U.S. Treasury Securities	3,172,000
Federal Reserve Stock	75,000
Net Loans	15,333,000
Bank Premises, Equipment and Fixtures	448,000
Other Assets	992,000
Total Assets	20,809,000

LIABILITIES

Deposits	18,342,000
Other Liabilities	540,000
Stockholder's Equity	1,927,000
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	20,809,000

MEMBER FDIC

DIRECTORS	OFFICERS
John A. Robinson, M.O. Ophthalmologist Chairman of the Board	Dennis O. Jett President Chief Executive Office
John A. Barrett, Jr. Refinery Owner Vice Chairman of the Board	James R. Hayden Senior Vice President
Dennis O. Jett President Chief Executive Office	Wanda J. Brown Vice President and Cashier
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Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma Highlights From Financial Statements - Sept. 30, 1988 and 1987

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE	TRUST & AGENCY	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT	TOTAL 1988	TOTAL 1987
Total Assets	\$ 5,572,957	918,289	1,530,733	120,245	36,757	2,005,098	23,784	10,207,863	9,627,277
Total Fund Equity	\$ 5,509,600	793,285	1,258,256	59,324	12,568	2,005,098	-	9,638,131	9,117,412
Total Liabilities	\$ 63,357	125,004	272,477	60,921	24,189	-	23,784	569,732	509,865
Total Revenues	\$ 857,248	1,996,185	-	-	82	-	-	2,853,515	2,789,163
Total Expenditures	\$ 373,128	2,039,399	-	-	12,955	-	-	2,425,482	2,472,792
Other Financing Sources	\$ (713,703)	446,319	-	-	(806)	-	-	(268,190)	(170,996)
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures and Operating Transfers	\$ (229,583)	403,105	-	-	(13,679)	-	-	159,843	145,375
Operating Revenues	\$ -	-	3,535,521	263,935	-	-	-	3,799,456	3,492,769
Operating Expenses	\$ -	-	3,312,910	506,670	-	-	-	3,819,580	3,675,831
Depreciation Expense	\$ -	-	114,252	8,096	-	-	-	122,348	127,629
Non-Operating Revenue (Expense) and Operating Transfers	\$ -	-	(15,883)	376,291	-	-	-	360,408	177,202
Net Income (Loss)	\$ -	-	92,476	125,460	-	-	-	217,936	(133,489)
Liabilities as Percentage of Assets	1.14%	13.61%	17.80%	50.66%	65.81%	-	-	5.58%	5.30%



Letter from the chairman

Msen A Ken Eh Na Ka Nit

Bourzho Nikon (hello, my friends),

Another election is behind us. As in each election I have been a part of since 1971, the rhetoric gets nastier, the tactics get more underhanded, and the need for election rule reform becomes more apparent.

Most apparent this year was the need for campaign contributions disclosure. Thousands of dollars were spent in this election on advertising and direct mail. Where did it come from? With the annual net income of the tribe exceeding \$6,000,000 and assets exceeding \$10,000,000, we are "big business." We are also a tempting target for outside, non-Indian interference in our election process through campaign contributions.

While I have no positive proof that this was the case this year, the potential for abuse is there. For this reason, new laws will be added to our current campaign ordinance requiring disclosure and prohibiting present or potential vendors from contributing.

Another concern is the impact the negative campaign advertising has on our image in the community and

our ability to attract our "best and brightest" into tribal service. The tribe always needs new talent as we grow. Our ability to attract talented Potawatomi into the tribal administration and elective offices decreases as the mud-slinging gets worse. Some would say: "if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen." I can only add: "don't burn down the kitchen or we all go hungry."

Once again, we had only 10% to 12% of our eligible voters participating in the election. How to increase this percentage seems to be the eternal mystery here at the tribe. Maybe the approach is to ask the family elders to take responsibility for encouraging the younger ones to vote. Grandma and Grandpa may need to "crack the whip" a little, or bake a pie, whichever works the

best.

The new members applications keep pouring in. With each of these enrollments, a letter goes out that tells something of the tribe's heritage and history. Please, please, all of you new enrolled tribal members, don't let your knowledge of Potawatomi ways stop there. Keep at it. Learn the government, language, history; cast your votes; and come to Council. One is held near almost every one of you.

My most heartfelt gratitude is extended to John Sands for his help to me personally during these last few days. He and Marla and all the family gave greatly during pow-wow week, but his gift to me of peace of mind was most precious. Megwetch, nicon.

My sympathies to the family of

hereditary chief Frank Wano. He will be missed. He had a gift for making everyone he met a friend, and served our tribe with honor and dignity. As a man of God, he ministered to many, including myself. My prayers go to his son, Dale, the new Chief. May your service to the Citizen Band Potawatomi be as memorable as that of your father.

To all of you who supported me during the election, I am most grateful. To those of you who did not, I will make every effort to earn your support during the coming four years. We will all "press on."

Megwetch,

John Barrett

Keep the cultural fires burning

By Pat Sulcer

The last three months have in many ways flown past without notice in many ways - and dragged on interminably in others.

The campaigns that historically precede tribal elections are an incredible strain upon both the tribal members and the tribal staff. It shouldn't be that way, doesn't

In my opinion

have to be that way, and, hopefully, will never be that way again. Thanks to the good sense of the Potawatomi people, the new constitutional amendment providing for staggered four-year terms of office should alleviate some of the

pre-election nastiness and help protect the credibility engendered by the hard working legislative and administrative arms of your tribal government. This year's election involved a broader spectrum of the Potawatomi people than ever before in history - and that's good. It's imperative that you, as an individ-

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In your opinion ...

Higbee family genealogy sought

How-Ni-Kan,

I look forward to receiving the tribal newspaper and enjoy reading it from cover to cover.

I wish that I could send money each year but am on a rigid, fixed income and with the spiraling inflation, it is really rough on those of us that are trying to make ends meet.

I would like information on the Robert A. Higbee family. He was my grandfather and he had a twin sister Lucy A. Higbee. I do not know where they were born and raised but do know that they migrated to South Bend, Indiana and that my grandfather married Ida Mae Swearingin. They had seven living children. They were Robert A. Higbee Jr., Ida Mae, Ina and Nina (twins), Pearl, Edna, Mary. My mother, Pearl was born in South Bend, Indiana. Where the other children were born I do not know. I have heard my family speak

of Alva and Julia Higbee but I never knew them. I am so in hopes that some members of the Higbee family (there are nine listed on the roll) will have information regarding all members of the family. My grandfather died when I was just a child but I remember him well. He was a carpenter and had lost his eye due to an accident. He lived in the Okmulgee-Muskogee area until his death. I had the family Bible at one time but it has been misplaced throughout the years. My mother, Pearl, expired in 1948 in Morris, Okla. Now all of Robert A. Higbee Sr.'s family have passed away. I have one uncle by marriage, Arch Miller, married to Mary Higbee Miller. He is quite elderly and lives in Tulsa, Okla. He may have in his possession more information and possibly photos. I will try to contact him.

Robert A. Higbee Jr. has family living in the Bartlesville and Okmulgee area. My Aunt Nina has family living in Muskogee and the last I heard Hobbs, New Mexico. Ida Mae also lived in Muskogee and has

three children, Helen, Ruth and Wilson Whitewater. Pearl had several children, Alta Pearl, Oscar, Ina Mae and Walter.

If there is someone who has information regarding this family please contact me: Alta Pearl (Harper) Fraser, 1601 S. Sandhill Rd., Space 174, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104.

Thank you *How-Ni-Kan* in your effort to help me find some history on my mother's family. I know pretty much about my mother's brothers and sisters and their children and my cousin's. I am interested in my great-grandfathers and grandmothers and all of the children, brothers and sisters of my grandfather and his parents, children etc.

I am sorry that I can not send more than I am enclosing in enlisting your assistance.

Thank you and may God Bless.

Sincerely,
Alta Pearl (Harper) Fraser
Nevada

Fire Lake scores with veterans

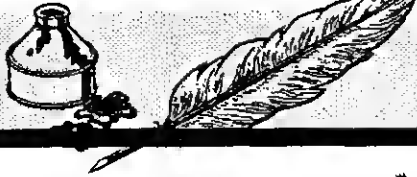
Mr. John Lair
Firelake Golf Pro,

On behalf of the Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-Tribal Association and the Oklahoma City Indian Golf Club, we wish to extend our appreciation for your help during the recent VEVITA Golf Tournament and Scramble. The event was a part of our 8th Annual National Veterans Conference and Pow Wow and from all reports the tournament was a great success and much of the credit goes to you.

We would also like to commend your staff, who were very helpful, courteous and professional at all times in dealing with the tournament committee and participants.

Again, we wish to thank you and look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,
Matthew Kauley
Executive Director, VEVITA
Vincent Knight
President, OKC Indian Golf Club



In your opinion ...

Her sister did artwork at right

To the Editor:

Please print the attached article along with this letter in the *HowNiKan*. One reason for printing my letter is to correct two words in the last sentence of the second to last paragraph. It reads, "My twin sister attends pow-wows in Phoenix" which should read Regional Council Business Meetings instead of pow-wows. As the sentence says, it is my twin sister, Gerri Wood from Union New Jersey, who wrote and designed the Indian artwork. This article and art work isn't a surprise to me because her career is an Art Director in Advertising for a large furniture corporation but the other thing that isn't surprising is how she had the need to let people know in her own town how proud she is to be a member of our tribe by printing this article in her local newspaper. The others that can now be just as proud of Gerri as a Potawatomi are my children, new members. Thanks to the Barrett administration and all the members who voted for the enrollment change. Although, my father Jerry Wood is no longer alive to see the smiles on these new card carrying members I feel his presence in their faces. Thank you dad and grandma for the heritage you gave me, my sisters and children.

The second reason I would like you to print this letter is of a different nature. I would like to urge the members of our tribe to please pray for the Navajo Tribe out here in Arizona where I live. The Navajo tribe is looking at a possible division among their own people. The Navajo lady I talk with about this, Virginia, felt that the hardships between Indians and non-Indians would be detrimental. The way I'm praying is "Let Thy Will Be Done-Thank you Almighty God."

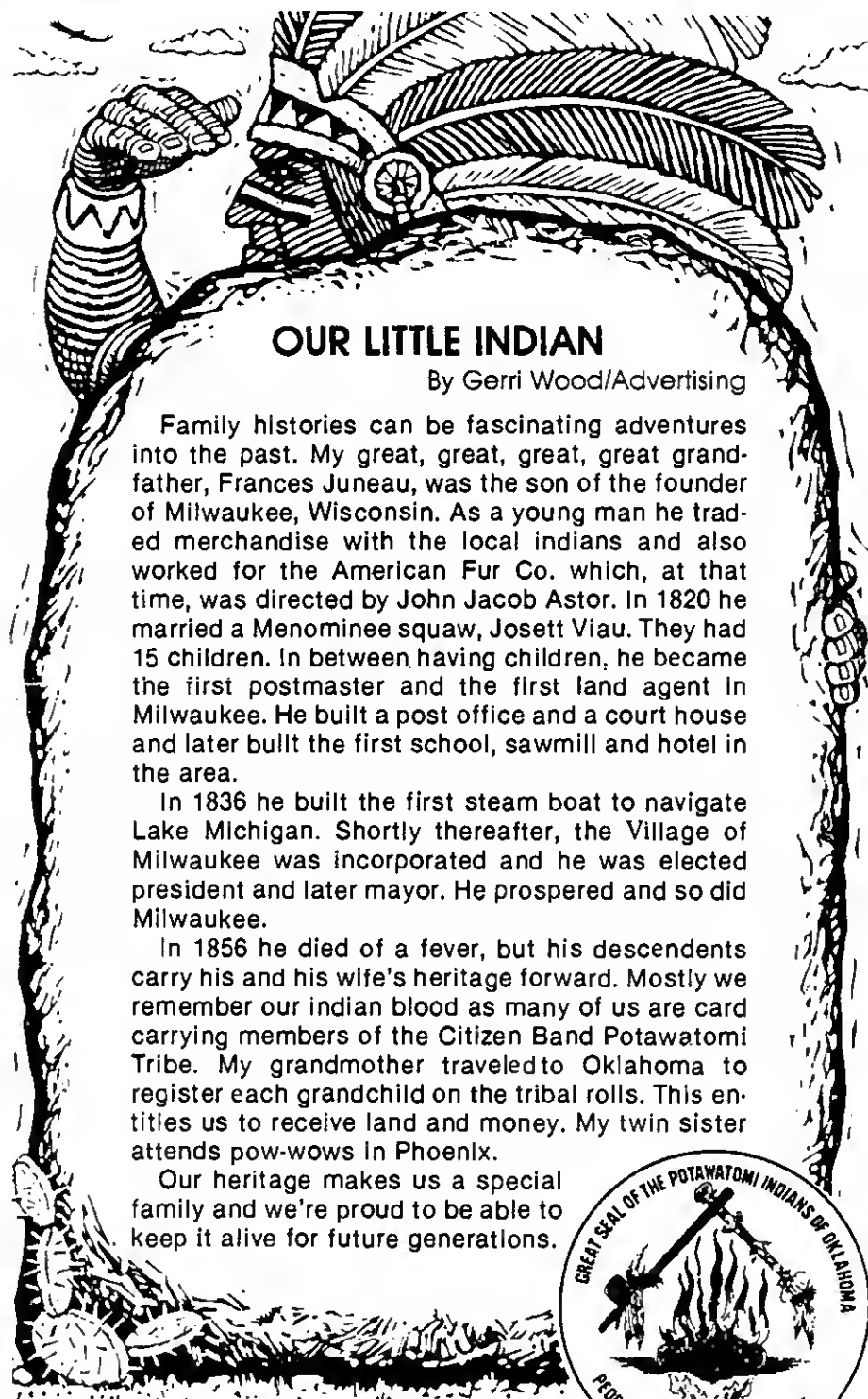
I will end there and say thank you.

Sincerely,
Maureen Christensen
Arizona

Fire Lake helps golf league

Mr. John Lair, Golf Professional
Fire Lake Golf Course.

We wish to express our appreciation for the assistance you and your staff provided to us at our first tournament. The IRS Ladies Golf League is a newly formed organization with many of our members playing golf for the first time. We had very little experience in managing a tournament. It was a challenge. Because of your cooperation, we managed beautifully. The



OUR LITTLE INDIAN

By Gerri Wood/Advertising

Family histories can be fascinating adventures into the past. My great, great, great, great grandfather, Frances Juneau, was the son of the founder of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As a young man he traded merchandise with the local Indians and also worked for the American Fur Co. which, at that time, was directed by John Jacob Astor. In 1820 he married a Menominee squaw, Josett Viau. They had 15 children. In between having children, he became the first postmaster and the first land agent in Milwaukee. He built a post office and a court house and later built the first school, sawmill and hotel in the area.

In 1836 he built the first steam boat to navigate Lake Michigan. Shortly thereafter, the Village of Milwaukee was incorporated and he was elected president and later mayor. He prospered and so did Milwaukee.

In 1856 he died of a fever, but his descendants carry his and his wife's heritage forward. Mostly we remember our Indian blood as many of us are card carrying members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe. My grandmother traveled to Oklahoma to register each grandchild on the tribal rolls. This entitles us to receive land and money. My twin sister attends pow-wows in Phoenix.

Our heritage makes us a special family and we're proud to be able to keep it alive for future generations.



A Proud Potawatomi

HowNiKan,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be an actual member of my tribe. I am so proud of my heritage. I know my son will be also when he is older.

We tried before the new amendment was passed to get me enrolled, but I was born a year too late.

Sincerely,

Donna Melot Grayson
Texas

Melott reunion held at pow wow

Dear Rocky and Fellow Members of HowNiKan:

On June 24th, the family members of Louis and Nellie Melott will attend our first Tribal Pow Wow in lieu of our annual family reunion. We are looking forward to meeting all of you!

In memory of our father and mother please accept the enclosed money order of \$100 for the continuing publication of the *HowNiKan*. We love it!

It has deepened our appreciation and awareness of our Potawatomi Heritage.

A special thanks to Pat.

See you at the Pow Wow.

The Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren of Rev. and Mrs. Louis Melott

On behalf of the Melott family,
Mary R. Bledsoe

Family history shared with tribe

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing some material about the death of my mother, Bonnie (Osterloh) Henderson and a little family history, with some early pictures of family members that I thought might be of interest, especially to descendants of Delila Bourassa and Helena Bergeron. (Printed elsewhere in this issue.)

There is a copy of Delila's Citizenship Paper given her in 1880. Although I would like to keep the original, I feel that it should be placed in the Tribal Museum so that her many descendants can also share it. I plan to bring it to the June tribal meeting.

I would like to hear from anyone who can help me trace Delila's movement to Oklahoma from Kansas. Some reports suggest that she and Leon Bergeron were the "Burjons" that were one of the first 7 families to settle permanently in Pottawatomie County in 1871. If so, she had returned to Kansas as her citizenship paper shows her to have resided in Kansas one year previous to 1880. Perhaps descendants of George Gregson or Tom F. Griffin (her second and third husbands) would have this information.

Enclosed is a check for the much appreciated *How-ni-kan*. I want to support this excellent paper and I support the current administration that is making such progress in behalf of all the tribal members.

Norma H. Dean

92 Dayton Road

Lake Worth, Fla. 33467

Thanks for book

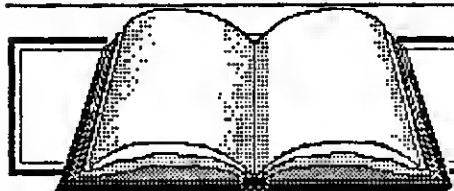
Pat,

It was most gracious of your donation of the book, "Potawatomi of the West".

It has a special place in our library and will be very useful to so many.

Come by and see us at Rm. 16 - Mini Mall, downtown Shawnee.

Thank You Again,
Pottawatomie County
Genealogy Club
J. Sheradon



For the record...

Business Committee Minutes - Special Meeting 6/12/89

Present: Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Jim Young, Secretary Bob Davis, Committeeman Hilton Melot

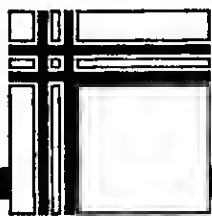
Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Business Committee reviewed the paste-up flats of the June *HowNiKan* and approved for publication.

Accounting records reviewed with Accounting Director Carolyn Sullivan and bills approved for payment.

John Barrett moved to allocate \$1,000 for funeral costs of hereditary chief Frank Wano who recently passed away; Jim Young seconded. Passed 4-0, Levier absent.

Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.



TREATIES: Wyandot treaty of 1814

TREATY WITH THE WYANDOT, ETC., 1814

A treaty of peace and friendship between the United States of America, and the tribes of Indians called the Wyandots, Delawares, Shawanoese, Senecas, and Miamies.

The said United States of America, by William Henry Harrison, late a major general in the army of the United States, and Lewis Cass, governor of the Michigan territory, duly authorized and appointed commissioners for the purpose, and the said tribes, by their head men, chiefs, and warriors, assembled at Greenville, in the state of Ohio, have agreed to the following articles, which, when ratified by the president of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, shall be binding upon them and the said tribes.

ARTICLE I.

The United States and the Wyandots, Delawares, Shawanoese, and Senecas, give peace to the Miami nation of Indians, formerly designated as the Miami Eel River and Weca tribes; they extend this indulgence also to the band of the Putawatimies, which adhere to the Grand Sachem Tobinipee, and to the chief Onoxa, to the Ottawas of Blanchard's creek, who have attached themselves to the Shawanoese tribe, and to such of the said tribe as adhere to the chief called the Wing, in the neighborhood of Detroit, and to the Kickapoos, under the direction of their chiefs who sign this treaty.

ARTICLE II.

The tribes and band abovementioned, engage to give their aid to the United States in prosecuting the war against Great-Britain, and such of the Indian tribes as still continue hostile; and to make no peace with either without the consent of the United States. The assistance herein stipulated for, is to consist of such a number of their warriors from each tribe, as the president of the United States, or any officer having his authority therefor, may require.

ARTICLE III.

The Wyandot tribe, and the Senecas of Sandusky and Stony Creek, the Delaware and Shawanoes tribes, who have preserved their fidelity to the United States throughout the war, again acknowledge themselves under the protection of the said states, and of no other power whatever; and agree to aid the United States, in the manner stipulated for in the former article, and to make no peace but with the consent of the said states.

ARTICLE IV.

In the event of a faithful performance of the conditions of this treaty, the United States will confirm and establish all the boundaries between their lands and those of the Wyandots, Delawares, Shawanoese and Miamies, as they existed previously to the commencement of the war.

In testimony whereof, the said commissioners, and the said head men, chiefs, and warriors, of the beforementioned tribes of Indians have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals.

Done at Greenville, in the State of Ohio, this twenty-second day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and of the independence of the United States the thirty-ninth.

William Henry Harrison, [L.S.]

Lewis Cass, [L.S.]

Wyandots:

Tarhe, or Crane, his x mark, [L.S.]
Harroneyough, or Cherokee Boy, his x mark, [L.S.]
Tearroneauou, or between the Legs, his x mark, [L.S.]
Menoucou, his x mark, [L.S.]
Rusharra, or Stookey, his x mark, [L.S.]
Seoshus, his x mark, [L.S.]
Zashuana, or Big Arm, his x mark, [L.S.]
Teanduttasoo, or Punch, his x mark, [L.S.]
Tapuksough, or John Hicks, his x mark, [L.S.]
Ranoinness, or Sky come down, his x mark, [L.S.]
Teendoo, his x mark, [L.S.]
Omaintsiannah, or Bowyers, his x mark, [L.S.]
Delawares:
Tainunshrah, or Charles, his x mark, [L.S.]
Tiundraka, or John Bolesie, his x mark, [L.S.]
Eroneniarah, or Shronesch, his x mark, [L.S.]
Kicktohenina, or Captain Anderson, his x mark, [L.S.]
Lemonteenuckques, or James Nanticoke, his x mark, [L.S.]
Laoponnichle, or Baube, his x mark, [L.S.]
Joon Oueake, or John Oueake, his x mark, [L.S.]
Kill Buck, his x mark, [L.S.]
Neachcomingd, his x mark, [L.S.]
Montgomery Monatwe, his x mark, [L.S.]
Capt. Buck, his x mark, [L.S.]
Hooque, or Mole, his x mark, [L.S.]

Captain White Eyes, his x mark, [L.S.]
Captain Pipe, his x mark, [L.S.]
McDaniel, his x mark, [L.S.]
Captain Snap, his x mark, [L.S.]
Shawanoes:
Cutewecusa, or Black Hoof, his x mark, [L.S.]
Tamenetha, or Butter, his x mark, [L.S.]
Piaseka, or Wolf, his x mark, [L.S.]
Pomtha, or Walker, his x mark, [L.S.]
Shammonetho, or Snake, his x mark, [L.S.]
Pemthata, or Turkey flying by, his x mark, [L.S.]
Wethawakasika, or Yellow Water, his x mark, [L.S.]
Ouetawah, Sinking, his x mark, [L.S.]
Teawascoota, or Blue Jacket, his x mark, [L.S.]
Tacometequah, or Cross the water, his x mark, [L.S.]
Ottawas:
Watashnewa, or Bear's Legs, his x mark, [L.S.]
Wapachek, or white Fisher, his x mark, [L.S.]
Toolagen, or Bell, his x mark, [L.S.]
Aughquanahquose, or Stumptail Bear, his x mark, [L.S.]
Mookenuh, or Bear King, his x mark, [L.S.]
Coontindnau, or Coffee Houn, his x mark, [L.S.]
Togwon, his x mark, [L.S.]
Endosquierunt, or John Harris, his x mark, [L.S.]
Cantaretero, his x mark, [L.S.]
Cunzhtentuhwa, or Big Turtle, his x mark, [L.S.]
Renonnesa, or Wiping Stick, his x mark, [L.S.]
Corachcoonke, or Reflection, or Civil John, his x mark, [L.S.]
Coonautanahtoo, his x mark, [L.S.]
Seeistake, Black, his x mark, [L.S.]
Tooteeandee, Thomas Brand, his x mark, [L.S.]
Haneusewa, his x mark, [L.S.]
Uttawuntus, his x mark, [L.S.]
Lautauqueson, his x mark, [L.S.]
Maimis:
Pecon, his x mark, [L.S.]
Lapassine, or Ashenonquah, his x mark, [L.S.]
Osage, his x mark, [L.S.]
Natoweesa, his x mark, [L.S.]
Meshekeleata, or the Big man, his x mark, [L.S.]
Sanamahhonga, or Stone Eater, his x mark, [L.S.]
Neshepehtah, or Double Tooth, his x mark, [L.S.]
Metoosania, or Indian, his x mark, [L.S.]
Chequia, or Poor Racoon, his x mark, [L.S.]
Wapepecheke, his x mark, [L.S.]
Chingomega Eboo, or Owl, his x mark, [L.S.]
Kewesekong, or Circular Traveling, his x mark, [L.S.]
Wapasabanah, or white Racoon, his x mark, [L.S.]
Chekemetine, or Turtle's Brother, his x mark, [L.S.]
Pocondoqua, or Crooked, his x mark, [L.S.]
Chequeah, or Poor Racoon, a Wea, or Little Eyes, his x mark, [L.S.]
Showilingeshua, or Open Hand, his x mark, [L.S.]
Okawea, or Porcupine, his x mark, [L.S.]
Shawanoes, his x mark, [L.S.]
Mawansa, or Young Wolf, his x mark, [L.S.]
Sangwecomya, or Buffalo, his x mark, [L.S.]
Pequia, or George, his x mark, [L.S.]
Keelswa, or Sun, his x mark, [L.S.]
Wabsea, or White Skin, his x mark, [L.S.]
Wansepea, or Sunrise, his x mark, [L.S.]
Angatoka, or Pile of Wood, his x mark, [L.S.]
Putawatimias:
Topinnepe, his x mark, [L.S.]
Onoxa, or Five Medals, his x mark, [L.S.]
Metee, his x mark, [L.S.]
Conge, or Bear's foot, his x mark, [L.S.]
Nanownseca, his x mark, [L.S.]
Chagobbe, or One who sees all over, his x mark, [L.S.]
Meshon, his x mark, [L.S.]
Penosh, his x mark, [L.S.]
Checanoe, his x mark, [L.S.]
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Tonguish, his x mark, [L.S.]
Nebaughkua, his x mark, [L.S.]
Wesnanesa, his x mark, [L.S.]
Chechock, or Crane, his x mark, [L.S.]
Kepoota, his x mark, [L.S.]
Mackoota, or Crow, his x mark, [L.S.]
Papeketcha, or Flat Belly, his x mark, [L.S.]
Kickapoos:
Ketooto, or Otter, his x mark, [L.S.]
Makotanecote, or Black Tree, his x mark, [L.S.]
Sheshepa, or Duck, his x mark, [L.S.]
Wapekonnia, or White Blanket, his x mark, [L.S.]
Acooche, or the Man Hun, his x mark, [L.S.]
Chekaskagalon, his x mark, [L.S.]
James Dill, secretary to the commissioners,
Jno. Johnston, Indian agent, B.F. Stickney, Indian agent,
James J. Nisbet, associate judge of court of common please, Preble County,
Thos. G. Gibson,
Antoine Biondi,
Wm. Walker,
William Connor, J. Bts. Chandonnai,
Stephen Rudeed,
James Pelteir,
Joseph Bertrand,
sworn Interpreters,
Thos. Ramsey, captain first Rifle Regiment.
John Conner,
John Riddle, colonel First Regiment Ohio Militia.

Tribal member heads volunteer auxiliary at Claremore

(The following article from the *Claremore Progress* newspaper spotlights tribal member Livona Strong)

Claremore Indian Hospital (CIH) Auxiliary has once again honored its members with an awards luncheon, marking the ninth complete year the Auxiliary has been existence.

Livona Strong, who directs the hospital's volunteer program, received her 9,000 hour pin at the luncheon, as well as a gift of appreciation for her many hours of service and longtime dedication to the hospital. The other members of the Auxiliary presented her with a Beaver State Pendleton shawl blanket.

Merchandise donations are very important to the Auxilians. They sell chances on them for drawings to raise money for hospital equipment and supplies. Through the years, the Auxiliary has supplied the hospital with more than \$50,000 worth of equipment.

"We have been able to supply many desperately needed items the hospital was unable to provide for themselves," explained Mrs. Strong. "These items range from small essentials, such as razors and ice bags, to high dollar items such as an infant warmer system costing (\$8,348.95) and seven SID monitors (which cost \$11,400) to be loaned free of charge to patients of this hospital.

"The Auxiliary also provides a Christmas gift for every inbed patient, from the newest newborn to the most senior, senior citizen."

Other large-cost items purchased between Jan. 1980 to December 1988 include two Hewlett Packard Defibrillators, costing \$11,584; one Vac Re-

tracker, \$1,019.14; food pump, \$617.06; pediatric scale, \$1,370; seven picture frames, \$139; baby scale, \$1,247.54; cart, \$169.69; five imprinters, \$1,676.06; doppler, \$540; seven wheel chairs, \$835; platelet mixer, \$239.50; two Dinamap Monitors, \$4807.30; dental lamp, \$308.75; three commodes, \$176.75; five examination lamps, \$295.55; MedaSonics Stethoscope, \$456; one man gurney, \$673.27; test rotator, \$196; and a bed scale, \$2,478.17. Small essentials during the years have added up to some \$2,000.

"The Auxiliary works very closely with the hospital staff. When a department finds they have a need and have exhausted all regular channels, a request is submitted to the Auxiliary. The request is voted on by the Auxiliary members and, if accepted, money will then be raised for that item. Once all the needed funds are raised, the item is then purchased."

According to Mrs. Strong, "The Auxiliary has used many means to raise money. Some of these are: slicing hams at Easter, candy sales, all Indian craft shows, raffles, country and western dances, dinners, printing and selling cookbooks. We are willing to try anything (that is legal) to raise money."

During their last spring Indian craft and bake

sale, they raised \$487. They will probably use this money to enlarge their outdoor building, which has grown too cramped for the twice-a-year sales.

The Auxiliary started in November 1979 with a few people, and a "lot of backbone and hard work," said Mrs. Strong. By the end of the first year, there were 20 volunteers. Since that time, the Auxiliary has had a total of 89 volunteers, with 32 currently active, including five lifetime members.

"These volunteers have given a total of 29,946.5 hours of their time. When one multiplies this number with an average wage, it is easy to see the hundreds of thousands of dollars, this Auxiliary has saved the hospital. There are six active and three inactive volunteers who gave over 1,000 hours each to the Indian people.

"Over the years," Mrs. Strong continued, "the volunteers have worked in every department except the Pharmacy Department. Department heads are continuously stating how pleased they are to have the volunteers work in their department. During all these years, there has never been a volunteer removed from any department except by their own wishes."

"None of these accomplishments could have been done without the support of the patients and the staff, including all their family and friends," Mrs. Strong concluded. "We continually thank our silent supporters. I can speak for all the volunteers when I say, 'the Indian people are respected and loved by the Claremore Indian Hospital Auxiliary'."

For more information on volunteering for the Claremore Indian Hospital, contact Mrs. Strong at 341-8430.

The Trial of Standing Bear

Docudrama recounts quest for freedom

"The Trial of Standing Bear" tells the moving story of one man's struggle for self-determination and the landmark court case that bears his name. The two-hour docudrama, produced by the Nebraska ETV Network/University of Nebraska-Lincoln Television, airs on July 4 at 8:30 p.m. (CT) on PBS.

More than 100 years ago, a U.S. district court declared for the first time that "an Indian is a person within the meaning of the law," and thus entitled to protection under the U.S. Constitution. The 1879 trial, known as Standing Bear vs. Crook, still holds paramount significance in the saga of the struggle for basic Native American rights. Newspaper coverage of this case in the frontier region of Nebraska caught the attention of the nation and won widespread sympathy for the plight of Native Americans everywhere as readers followed the dramatic story of this courageous Ponca Chief.

The drama explores the personal side of the story - the anguish of the Poncas after being unfairly forced from their home on the Niobrara River (in what is now northern Nebraska) to the inhospitable Indian Territory (modern-day Oklahoma). The squalid living conditions in the Indian Territory resulted in the deaths of more than one-third of the tribe and the decision of one brave group, led by Chief Standing Bear, to return to their homeland in defiance of the U.S. government. The program focuses on their arrest upon reaching Nebraska, the efforts of sympathetic citizens to assist them and the subsequent courtroom battle that brought national attention to the struggle for human rights.

Scenes for "The Trial of Standing Bear" were shot in various locations across the Midwest including the Chilocco Indian Reserve in Oklahoma, a snowy plain in North Dakota and, in Nebraska, Fort Hartsuff State Park near Ord, a specially created Indian village near Denton and the historic Presbyterian Church in Bellevue.

Ivan Naranjo is featured as Standing Bear, George Riddle as General George Crook, Ray Dooley as the sympathetic newspaperman Thomas Tibbles and Carmen de Lavallade as Standing Bear's wife Suzette. George Ede, Frank Hankey and James Devney portray the lawyers in the case and Richard Dix plays Judge Dundy. The drama is based on the book *The Ponca Chiefs* by Thomas H. Tibbles.

Historical accuracy and sensitivity to Native American culture were goals throughout the production. All Indian roles in the drama were filled by Indian actors. In addition, several principal positions on the production

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crew were held by Native Americans, including Line Producer Dan Jones, Assistant Director Bob Hicks, Director of Photography Robert Schoenhut and Properties/Set Decorator Debra Jefferson. The musical score was created by John Kim Bell, noted Canadian composer/conductor of Mohawk descent.

A free viewer's guide to accompany the program may be obtained by writing Standing Bear Viewer Guide, P.O. Box 83111, Lincoln, NE 68501.

A beautiful four-color poster, measuring 17 inches wide by 30 inches long, features an illustration of Ivan Naranjo as Ponca Chief Standing Bear in full Ponca chief's dress in the courtroom scene.

To obtain a copy of the Standing Bear poster, send \$2 to cover postage and handling to Standing Bear Poster, Nebraska ETV Network, P.O. Box 83111, Lincoln, NE 68501.

A 16-page "The Trial of Standing Bear" Viewer Guide includes essays offering background information about the Ponca tribe, events leading up to the trial, the decision and its meaning to Poncas of the time, as well as the long-term effects of the decision and suggestions for further reading. The guide is illustrated with archival photos and scenes from the production. Single copies may be obtained free of charge by writing Standing Bear Viewer Guide, Nebraska ETV Network, P.O. Box 83111, Lincoln, NE 68501.

Beginning July 5, 1989, VHS copies of "The Trial of Standing Bear" will be available for purchase. The price for institutional use is \$75; the price for individual use is \$50. In either case, a 5 percent charge will be added to cover shipping and handling. For more information or to order a videocassette copy of the two-hour program, contact GPN, P.O. Box 80669, Lincoln, NE 68501. Telephone: 800-228-4630. FAX: 402-472-1785.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH,
OKLAHOMA, RECOGNIZING "CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI DAYS".

WHEREAS, On June 23rd, 24th, and 25th the residents of
Tecumseh and the surrounding area will be privileged to enjoy
the 15th annual "CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI DAYS"; and

WHEREAS, For 15 years the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe has
sponsored this activity that the whole community can enjoy, for
the purpose of providing American Indian Culture for the benefit
of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The dedication exhibited by this tribe in supplying
such practical assistance to the history of their people, exem-
plifies the highest ideals of their nation;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Billy D. Cole, Mayor of Tecumseh, Okla-
homa, do hereby proclaim the days of June 23rd, 24th and 25th to
be "CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI DAYS", urging all citizens to join
me in commending the people of this nation for sponsoring this
activity annually, and to participate in these cultural events,
knowing that your support will strengthen the ties between the
residents of Tecumseh and the people of the Potawatomi Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day
of June, 1989.



ATTEST:

Frank Jamney
CITY CLERK

Billy D. Cole
Billy D. Cole, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 23, 24, AND 25, 1989, AS
"CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI DAYS"
IN THE CITY OF SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA.

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe will be holding its annual General Council meeting and pow wow on June 23, 24, and 25, 1989; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 16th annual pow wow to be held in conjunction with the Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe have a longstanding relationship with the City of Shawnee and are contributing members of the Shawnee community; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Tribe's sovereign government has actively pursued a working government-to-government relationship with the municipality of Shawnee,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PIERRE F. TARON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 23, 24, AND 25, 1989, AS

"CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI DAYS"

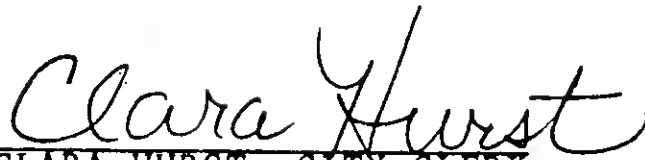
IN THE CITY OF SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA, AND URGE OUR RESIDENTS TO ATTEND THE POW WOW AND BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH POTAWATOMI HISTORY, GOVERNMENT AND ENTERPRISES.

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE, 1989.

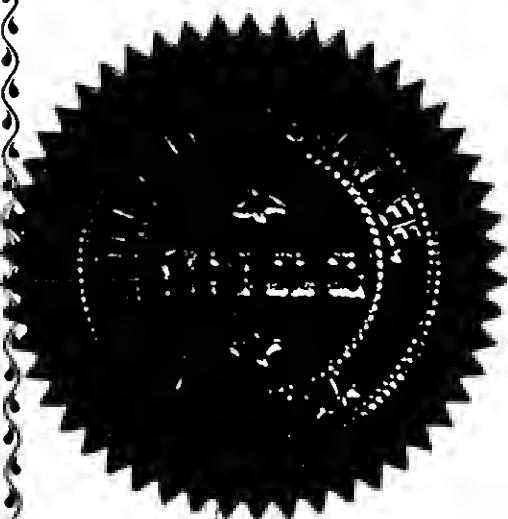


PIERRE F. TARON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLARA HURST, CITY CLERK

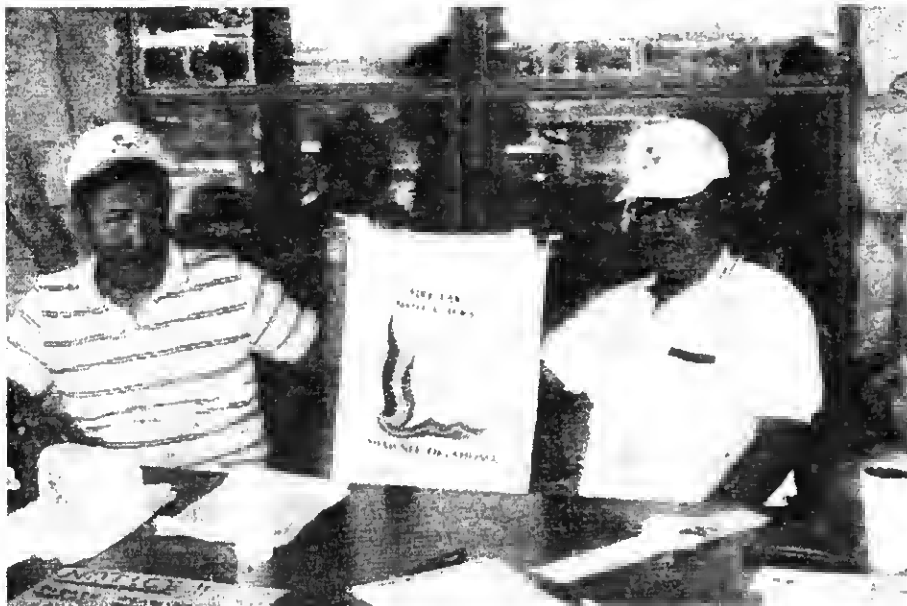
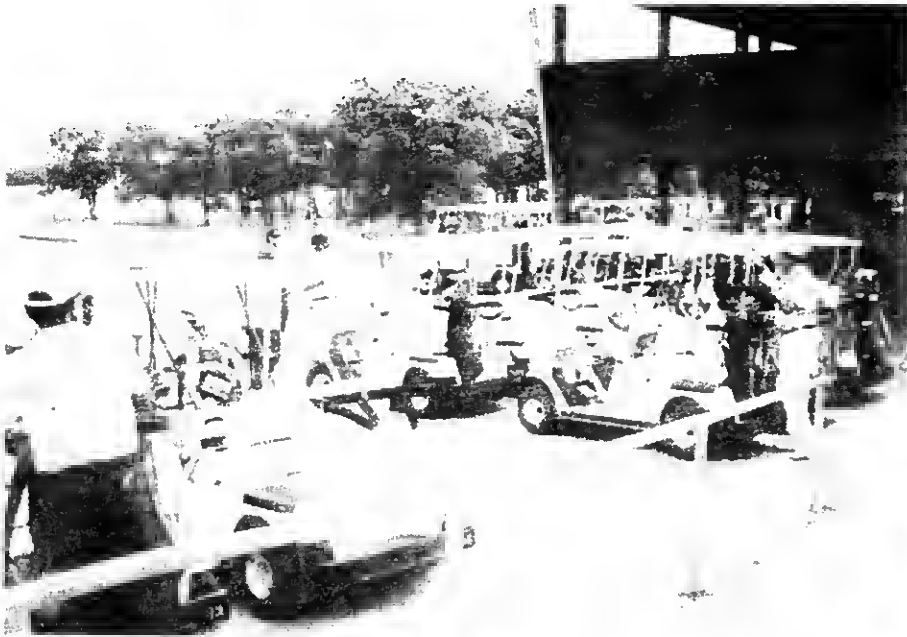


Citizen Band Potawatomi Days, 1989



Citizen Band Potawatomi Days officially kicked off Friday morning with scramble registration at Fire Lake. The 16th Annual Citizen Band Potawatomi Inter-Tribal Pow Wow attracted competition dancers from near and far and hundreds of observers to share in the festivities. Above: The Friday night Grand Entry was well attended and by Saturday the number of dancers had tripled. An expanded arena, new bleachers and a sodded ring were appreciated by all. Left: Head Lady Dancer Marla Sands, a Potawatomi from Walpole Island, Canada, takes a breather with tribal employee Vincent Longhorn - who placed second in the weekend's Fancy Dance competition. Below: Business Committeeman Francis Levier accepts a proclamation from Shawnee Mayor Pierre Taron proclaiming the weekend "Citizen Band Potawatomi Days." Opposite Page, Clockwise From Left: Tournament players prepare to T-off at Fire Lake; Potawatomi Princess Janet Coffey; On site voting in the annual election was from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; Two-term Committeeman Hilton Melot shows great style in the horse shoe tournament - but lost anyway; Ed Parton and Truman Kaskuske man the Fire Lake registration table.





Scores

3rd Annual Potawatomi Days All Indian Golf Tournament Championship

1st - Craig Robinson (73)
2nd Zeke Zunign (tie) (76)
3rd - Bob Curtis, Jr. (tie) (76)
4th - Bill Pahdocony (tie) (76)
A Flight
1st - Richard Henson (75)

2nd - Harold Broke Shoulder (77)
3rd - Bob Johnson (75)
(Bumped up from B Flight)
4th - Ron Red Elk (79)
B Flight
1st - Wayne Bevenve (79)
2nd - JC Roberts (tie) (80)
3rd - Lawrence Johnson (tie) (80)
4th - John Bartness (81)
C Flight
1st - Al Levier (tie) (89)

2nd - Sam Horse (tie) (89)
3rd - Joe Clay (90)
4th - Frank Mendoza (91)
Ladies Championship Flight
1st - Andrea Dick (84)
2nd - Helen Plumage (89)
Ladies Pres. Flight
1st - Nora Birdshead (91)
2nd - Marion Mitchell (93)

2nd Annual Potawatomi
Horseshoe Tournament
1st Place - Robert Komahcheet
2nd Place - Hubert Spaulding
3rd Place - Craig Anderson
4th Place - Rocky Barrett

**Pow Wow Results
Will Be Published
Next Month**



Health Services Director Ken Cadaret checks on the Title VI staff who prepared a traditional meal for 2300 people.



Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell worked overtime assisting tribal members.



The Health Services Department offered free health screening & nutritional counseling.



1989 General Council



Austrian Harold Ogden traveled the farthest to council.



Bertha Self, 90, was the smartest Potawatomi.



Tribal Supreme Court Justice Almon Henson with Chairman Barrett.



Tiny Helen Wright entered the pow wow world with parents Phillip and Marlene (LaClair) Wright.



Historian Dr. David Edmunds chatted with tribal members.



Tribal judges were honored by the Business Committee Friday night at the pow wow.



Marla Sands and her father John.



Chairman Barrett & Dr. Levier look on as Health Director Cadaret honors Dr. Kittredge who is leaving the Shawnee Indian Health Service for Arizona.



The best facets of a pow wow are the elderly and the children. It is through them we realize our heritage - and our obligation to perpetuate it.

OWNERSHIP STAFFS

DESIGNED BY W. BEN HUNT, HALES CORNERS, WIS.

The staffs shown on this page are not Indian in the strict sense of the word, altho they have certain Indian characteristics. They are meant to be stuck into the ground in front of cabins, wigwams, or tepees to tell which "Indians" live within. They also help to brighten up the camp. Make them of saplings 8 or 9 feet long. They are laid out in sections of 10 or 12 inches, and each boy carves and decorates his own section to suit himself. A few suggestions are shown here. For material use fur, feathers, leather, buckskin, red cloth, tin cones, empty cartridge shells, and some oil paints.

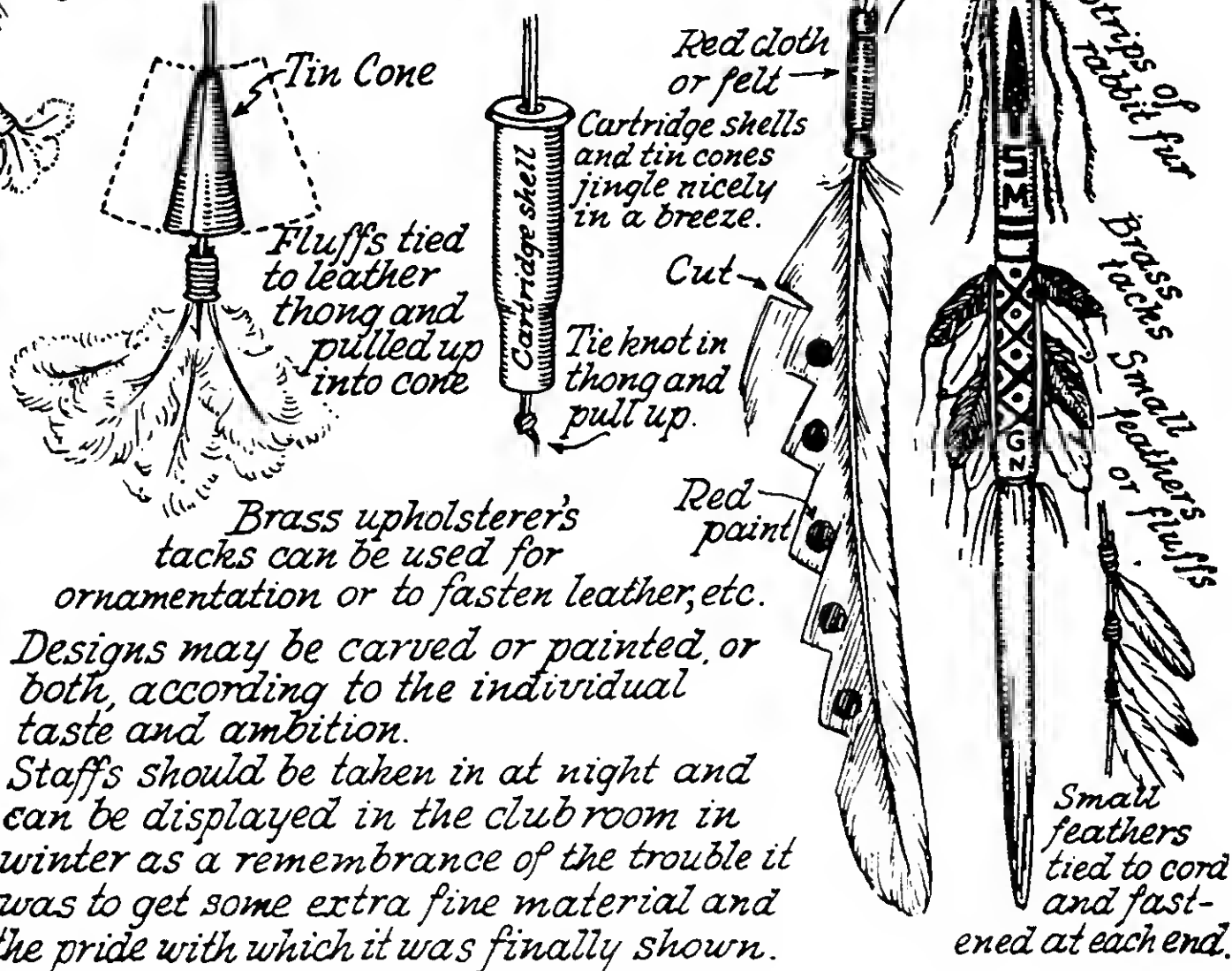
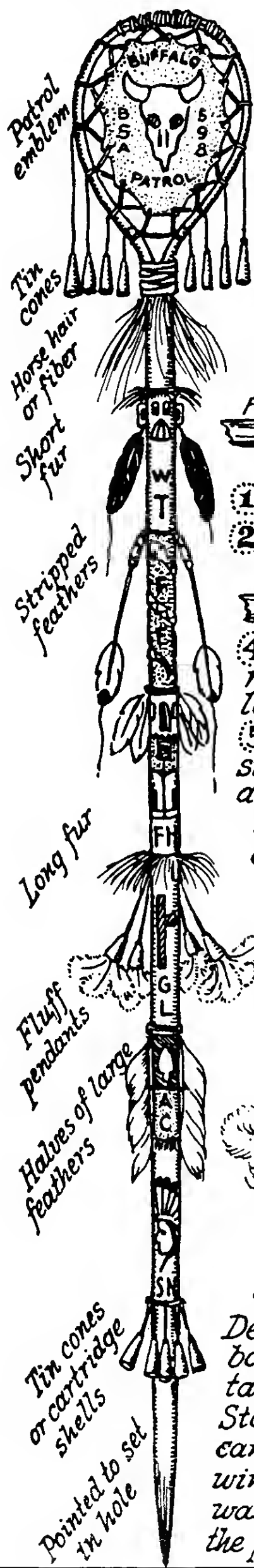
For staff head at left X split about 2 ft.

- 1 Tie tightly where split is to end, X, and saw
- 2 or split carefully. Whittle smooth with knife.
- 3 Then bend slowly around some round object and tie until dry.

4 Take out form and retie neatly with rawhide, leather thong or heavy cord.

5 Cut a piece of leather or other material, stretch it with thongs or cord as shown above, and paint patrol emblem etc.

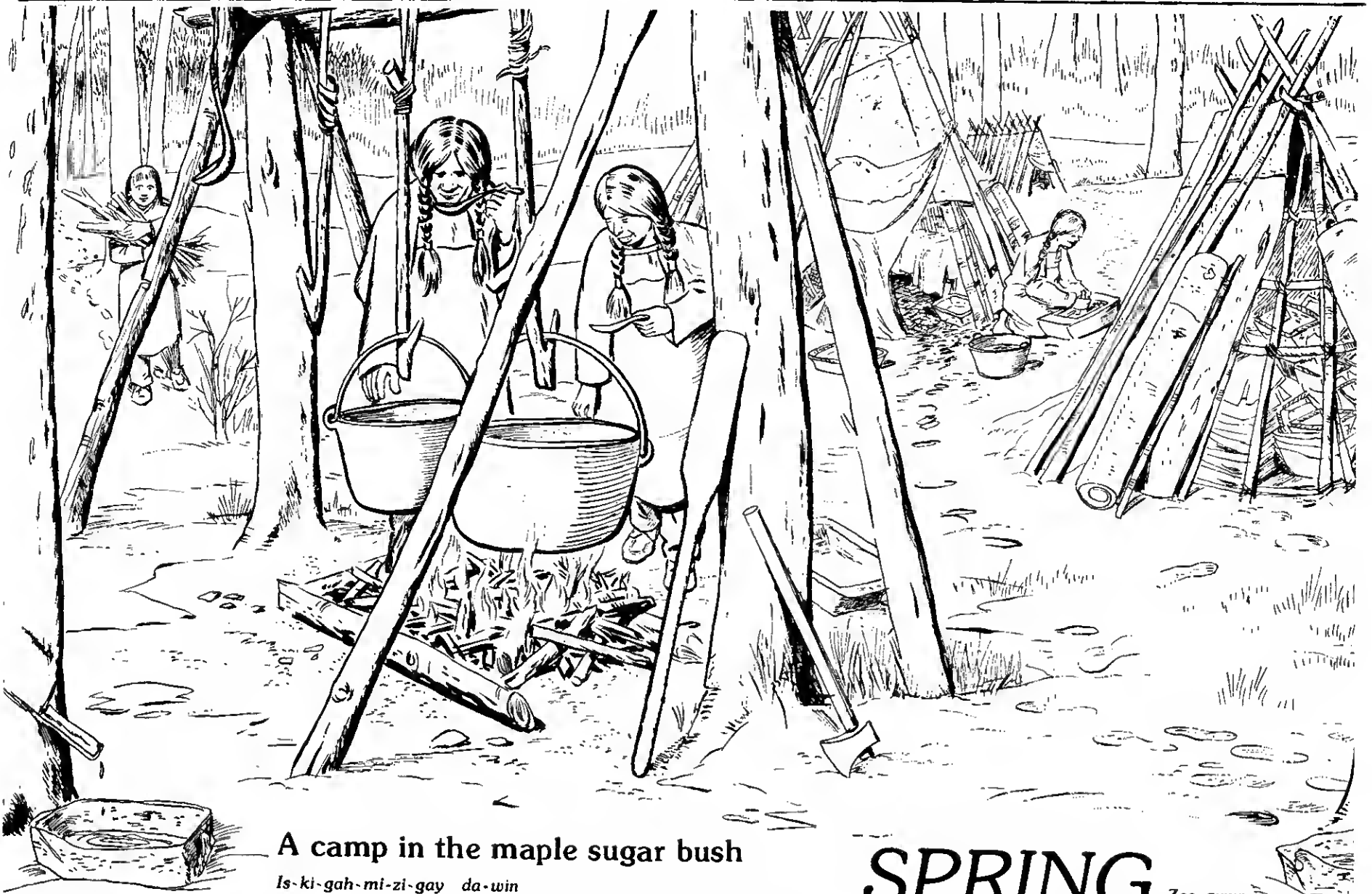
Staff head at right is made with an extra bow tied as shown.



Brass upholsterer's tacks can be used for ornamentation or to fasten leather, etc.

Designs may be carved or painted, or both, according to the individual taste and ambition.

Staffs should be taken in at night and can be displayed in the club room in winter as a remembrance of the trouble it was to get some extra fine material and the pride with which it was finally shown.



A camp in the maple sugar bush

Is-ki-gah-mi-zi-gay da-win

SPRING Zee-gwun

Grandchildren's Page

(These pictures were taken from the Ojibway Coloring Book, which is available from the Tribal Museum for \$3, postage and handling included.)



AUTUMN Dah-gwah-gin

A wild rice camp on the lake shore

May-no-mi-ni-kay ayn-dah-wad jeegi-beeg

Potawatomi scrapbook

Bourassa-Bergeron matriarch's genealogy recalled

A special HowNiKan thanks to Norma Henderson Dean for the following tribal genealogy and photos.

By Norma Dean

Bonnie May (Osterloh) Henderson, aged 90, died on August 4, 1988, in Lake Worth, Florida. She was born June 24, 1898, on the allotment belonging to her mother, Helena (Bergeron) Osterloh, (Allottee #713 on the 1887 Oklahoma Roll) in Pottawatomie County (then Oklahoma Territory) near Trousdale, Oklahoma. She was married for 61 years to Robert Elmer Henderson until his death in 1982. His family had settled in Pottawatomie County in 1897.

Her family later moved to Wanette, OK, then to a farm near Tribbey, Oklahoma, where she met her future husband. She was a graduate of Shawnee, OK, High School and Oklahoma College for Women. Both she and her husband taught in Pottawatomie County schools during their earliest years of marriage. After she retired in 1967 from teaching history for 17 years in North Little Rock, Arkansas, and he retired from the Veterans Administration, they moved to Florida. She was a member of the Arkansas Education Association, the National Education Association, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

She is survived by two daughters, Teresa Mildred (Henderson) Costiloe of Midwest City, Oklahoma, and Norma Ruth (Henderson) Dean of Lake Worth, Florida; two grandsons, Robert Dale Dean of Tucson, Arizona, and Paul Randal Dean of Cotati, California, and three great-grandchildren, Arlen Ryan Dean, Leah Marie Dean, and Benjamin Tucker Dean.

Bonnie Henderson was the granddaughter of Delila (Bourassa) Bergeron (Allottee #246 on the 1863 Kansas roll, and Allottee #711 on the Citizen Potawatomi Roll of 1887, where she was listed as Delila B. Griffin). She was the daughter of Catherine Charet and Jude Bourassa. Jude and his brother Joseph Napoleon Bourassa, of French and Indian descent, were active in tribal affairs in Kansas after the Potawatomis were removed from the Great Lakes area.

Delila was born in Kansas Dec. 6, 1850, and died on March 22, 1900. She is buried in the Wanette Cemetery. She married Leon Bergeron on January 31, 1870. They had 3 children, Leon T. Bergeron, who died at 5 days, Joseph L. Bergeron, who died at age 23, and Helena, born Dec. 19, 1877, - died May 8, 1936.

After her first husband's death in 1879, Delila was married to George Gregson. Their children were George A. Gregson, born August 21, 1881, and Cora L. (Gregson) Kelly, born January 21, 1883, both deceased.

Delila later married Thomas F. Griffin. They had two children, Dora F. Griffin (Rouner), born April 19, 1890, and Flora M. Griffin (Cook), born June 26, 1892 -died Nov. 14 (?).

Delila received her U. S. Citizenship on April 27, 1880, in Concordia, Kansas. This document was in her granddaughter Bonnie's possession at the time of Bonnie's death.

According to Delila's granddaughter, Lillie (Kelly) Lindbergh of Topeka, Kansas, Delila died, apparently of a heart attack, after fighting a prairie fire.

Helena (Bergeron) Osterloh was the only child of Delila and Leon Bergeron who survived to have children. Helena attended school at Sacred Heart for a time but went mainly to St. Elizabeth's Convent in Purcell, OK. Helena and Robert Lee Osterloh (born January 21, 1875 -died March 16, 1941) were married September 4, 1897. Of their six children Bonnie was the oldest and the last survivor. Other children were Clarence Lee Osterloh, born May 3, 1900, -died August 9, 1967, Clara Josephine (Osterloh) Yowell, born August 30, 1902, -died November 27, 1960, Ruby Valentine (Osterloh) Depel, born February 14, 1904, -died October 6, 1976, Robert Roy Osterloh, born October 25, 1906, -died January 21, 1978, and Elmer Wilson Osterloh, born December 18, 1913, -died February 22, 1978. All the children were born near Trousdale except Ruby and Roy, who were born in Wanette.

Bonnie was always very proud of her Indian heritage and credited her French and Indian forebears with instilling in her a love of music and education. All of her descendants who were eligible for tribal membership at the time of her death were enrolled as members. She attended the Tribal Business Meeting and Pow-wow in 1987. This year the pow-wow fell on her birthday, June 24. She would have been 91.



The picture at top is of Bonnie May (Osterloh) Henderson, who was born June 24, 1898, near Trousdale, OK. She was the daughter of Helena (Bergeron) Osterloh and the granddaughter of Delila Bourassa Bergeron and the great-granddaughter of Jude Bourassa. She married Robert E. Henderson on April 16, 1921 and died August 4, 1988, in Lake Worth, Fla. This picture was made in 1987. The picture in the middle, which probably was made about 1870 or 1871, is of Leon Bergeron and Delila Bourassa Bergeron. The bottom picture shows Delila B. Gregson with son Arthur Gregson and daughter Cora Ella Gregson (Cook). Delila Bourassa Bergeron married George Washington Gregson after the death in 1879 of her young husband. This picture probably was taken about 1886 or 1887.

Minutes of the General Council

Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Jim Young, Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis and Committeemen Francis Levier and Hilton Melot called the 1989 General Council of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe to order at 7 a.m., June 24, and immediately went into recess for on-site voting, conducted under the supervision of the Tribal Election Commission.

Election Commission Chairman Don Yott declared the polls closed at 2 p.m. and the commission and poll watchers for the various candidates were sequestered to conduct the final tally.

Chairman John Barrett reconvened the council at 3 p.m., opening with a prayer. Barrett then led the assembled group in the pledge of allegiance, followed by introductions of the scheduled speakers, visiting dignitaries and tribal staff.

Secretary Bob Davis read the minutes of the 1988 General Council meeting. Don Smith moved to approve the minutes as read; seconded by Josh Barrett. Motion passed unanimously.

Bertha Self, 90-and-half years old, was honored by Chairman Barrett as "the smartest Potawatomi at the council." Ms. Self was presented with a print by noted artist and tribal member Brenda Kennedy Grummer. Harold Ogden was presented with a beadwork keychain by the chairman for having travelled the farthest to attend the council. Harold is from Austria.

John Arledge, whose firm conducts the annual audits and serves as the tribe's official CPAs, reviewed the annual audit (ending September, 1988) for the council. Arledge reported a \$500,000 increase in tribal assets over the last year and noted that the tribe's "asset to liability ratio is very favorable." Arledge explained the government standards utilized in conducting the tribal audit and noted that the tribe had "surpassed the \$10 million dollar mark in assets."

Tribal member Priscilla Sherard asked whether tribal members could get a copy of the entire 124-page audit report. Chairman Barrett presented her with one.

Tribal attorney Michael Minnis reviewed his annual report to the council (see June *HowNiKan*) and commented on active litigation with the former bingo hall managers and the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Minnis believes the tribe will receive a favorable ruling from the 10th Circuit on the tax commission case but noted, "either the tribe or the Oklahoma Tax Commission will seek relief all the way to the Supreme Court." Minnis stated that even if the tribe prevails in the tax case "the war will not be over. Oklahoma will go on for years trying to find a way to take jurisdiction from the tribes."

Minnis explained that two cases pending with EMCI, Inc., former bingo hall managers, were stalled in the courts but John Clark Caldwell III and Leroy Wheeler had been named as principles in the suit because they had in effect removed all the money from the corporation.

Priscilla Sherard questioned Minnis as to Mafia infiltration into Indian bingo in Oklahoma. Minnis responded that he had no personal knowledge of such activity but he had heard rumors that the senate investigation into the subject was referring to a game near Lawton, Ok.

Former Business Committee representative Grace Burns questioned who had built the bingo building originally. Chairman Barrett noted that EMCI built the building for \$300,000 but after four years it belonged to the tribe. Barrett also noted that EMCI "had many times more than recouped their initial investment." Barrett also pointed out the tribe's documentation that three convicted drug dealers were paid \$160,000 over an 8-month period by EMCI for "promotions."

Tribal member Bob Lewis questioned why the tribe had to spend so much money equipping the building after Judge Holloway returned the property to tribal control. Attorney Minnis responded that, "the 10th Circuit judge that gave us the building allowed them (EMCI) to take their 'equipment' when they vacated and restrained us from entering the premises until a set time. Instead of removing just equipment EMCI totally stripped the building, including light fixtures."

Attorney Jim Bachman from Washington, D.C., addressed the council on the successful passage of the constitutional amendment providing for enrollment by descendancy. Bachman was hired by Minnis to lobby the Department of Interior and congress for a speedy resolution of the stalemate the tribe was facing when Scott Keep first refused to call the secretarial election and later when Interior refused to certify the election. Bachman gave credit to U.S. Senators David Boren and Don Nickles and Representatives Wes Watkins and Glenn English for their immediate assistance whenever called upon to make a phone call or send a letter on the tribe's behalf. "Without their congressional influence," noted Bachman, "this could have sat in the bowels of government for years."

Dennis Jett, chief operating officer and president of First Oklahoma Bank, addressed the council, saying, "FOB is looking forward to growing with the tribe and assisting tribal members and members of any other tribe." Jett noted that the bank had more than \$20 million in assets and \$18 million in assets.

Chairman Barrett noted that future bank plans included issuing a Master Card and Visa Card with the tribal seal. Barrett also explained that before he was seated on the bank's board of directors the Comptroller of the Currency required him to personally purchase \$1790 worth of unencumbered shares of stock.

Raymond Johnson, a Seminole Indian employed by the US Census Bureau addressed the council next and implored every tribal member to identify themselves and their children as Indian in the 1990 census. The census numbers determine dollar amounts available to tribes through grants and programs.

Chairman Barrett noted that the tribe's computer store, PC Care of Ardmore, was beginning to pick up in business. The tribe is 51 percent owner of the store with an initial investment of \$30,000.

During the question and answer session the following issues were raised:

Q. What is the progress on the tribal veterans book?

A. The tribe has received only 3 responses to its plea for records of tribal veterans but will continue to ask for participation.

Q. Why is there a \$3.50 surcharge on prescriptions through the tribal chronic illness pharmacy?

A. The surcharge goes to the pharmacist contracted to fill the prescriptions.

Q. Complaints regarding being put on hold when calling long distance to the tribe.

A. The tribe now has a toll-free WATS line - 1-800-736-6121 - available to out of state tribal members.

Q. How can tribal members identify themselves as such at pow wows, etc.?

A. The tribal museum will begin handling personalized name tags that can be ordered through the *HowNiKan*.

Q. When will there be a per capita payment from tribal enterprises?

A. When \$100 per tribal member in net profits has been accumulated.

Q. Where is the eternal flame?

A. We fixed the gas line but the flame kept blowing out. We were afraid of injury with kerosene so next year there will be an electric flame.

Q. How do you get a new roll card?

A. Request one from the tribal rolls department at the complex.

Q. Why isn't dental work other than dentures covered by the Health Aids Foundation?

A. Guidelines were established in the 1960's by the General Council and it is now "carved in stone."

Chairman Barrett noted the passing of hereditary tribal chief Frank Wano and asked the group to pray for his family.

Joe Dories moved to recess the meeting at 5 p.m.; seconded by Jo Roman and approved unanimously.

Election results were announced at 7:15 p.m. and all elected officials were sworn in by Judge Phil Lujan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



CPAs John Arledge and Jim Denton Discuss Financial Matter With Dennis Jett, President of First Oklahoma Bank



Chairman Barrett Listens To Tribal Attorney Michael Minnis Report To The General Council

NATIONAL NEWS

Court says states can tax tribe's oil

Washington, D.C. - In a far-reaching decision that comes as a blow to Indian tribes throughout the western states, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that states can tax companies for oil and gas taken from Indian reservations. In a 6-3 opinion, the Court said the state levy does not trample on Indian rights and is not unfair to a petroleum company, even though the company must pay taxes to both the state and the tribe.

Justice John Paul Stevens, writing the majority opinion, said Congress has not specifically pre-empted the power of states to tax oil and gas on Indian lands.

The ruling came in the case of Cotton Petroleum, Inc., protesting New Mexico's taxing of oil and gas the company had taken from the Jicarilla Apache Nation. State officials told the court the dispute is of great concern in the West. They said there are more than 150 cases of companies with deposits on Indian land protesting such double taxation in Arizona, New Mexico, Montana and Utah.

The Court rejected arguments that the state tax interferes with tribal economic development by prompting producers to look off Indian reservations for mineral deposits. Stevens wrote, "It is, of course, true that the total taxes paid by Cotton are higher than those paid by off-reservation producers, but neither the state nor the tribe imposes a discriminatory tax."

The burdensome consequence is entirely attributable to the fact that the leases are located in an area where two governmental entities share jurisdiction." The votes of Justices Blackmun, Brennan and Marshall were in the minority.

Indian employees to be helped by health plan

The Oklahoma state and education employee health insurance plan will no longer require Native Americans to pay for services they don't use, State Senator Enoch Kelly Haney announced at the Oklahoma Capitol today.

The Governor recently signed into law a bill by Senator Haney, D-Seminole, that makes changes in the insurance system's rules and administration. Haney sponsored the bill after learning of problems that developed after public school employees were allowed to join the state employee health insurance plan last year.

Under rules for joining the system, all employees of a school district must join the state health

plan — and pay premiums — if a majority of employees vote to do so, said Senator Haney. "This was creating a hardship for schools that employed Native American employees," he said. "Many Native Americans get free health coverage through Indian Health Services, and there was no need for those employees to have to pay premiums to the state."

Haney's bill, House Bill No. 1409, changed the rules to allow Native Americans and other school employees who are covered by federal health programs, such as military dependants, to choose not to participate in the state plan. The exemption is designed to target Native Americans who qualify for Indian Health Services.

Haney said the changes will make the health plan more attractive to school districts, which were allowed to begin enrolling their employees in the program last October. "We expect to see at least 166 more school districts participate in the plan now that we've accomplished these changes," Haney said. Currently 135 of the state's 609 districts are participating.

The bill also elevates the State and Education Employee Group Insurance Board, which oversees the health plan, to agency status, which he said will improve accountability and give the legislature more direct oversight of operations. The board had been operating as a division of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System.

Under the law, the board will be separate state agency when the 1989-90 fiscal year begins July 1.

Governor of Kansas signs Indian Grave Protection into law

Boulder, CO - Tribal grave protection and reburial efforts in Kansas met with success in April as three important new laws were enacted by the state legislature and approved by the Governor. The laws are the result of extensive efforts led by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) on behalf of three Indian tribes indigenous to Kansas. They are the Pawnee Tribe, the Wichita Tribe, and the Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold Reservation. These three related Caddoan Tribes are also the closest living next of kin to 146 deceased Indians who have been put on public display at a roadside tourist attraction near Salina, Kansas called the "Indian Burial Pit". Under the new laws, these deceased Indians will be properly reburied by the three tribes at state expense, and, in the future, unmarked Indian graves will be legally protected from unnecessary disturbance.

In February, the three tribes negotiated a reburial agreement called the "Treaty of Smoky Hill" with the owners of the Indian burial ground, the Salina County Commissioners, the Kansas State Historical Society, and the State Archaeologist. The agreement stipulates that (1) the State of Kansas will purchase the Indian burial ground for \$90,000, and will properly maintain it in the future as an historic cemetery; and, (2) that the 146 decedents, and any associated burial goods from the cemetery still in the possession of the landowners and Historical Society, will be reburied at the existing site by the State Archaeologist. The reburial will be under the direction of the three tribes in accordance with their traditional tribal religious belief and practice. The two bills that are the enabling legislation for the "Treaty of Smoky Hill" passed the Legislature and were approved by the Governor in April.

The three tribes are planning for the tribal reburial ceremony, which tentatively will take place soon after the State purchases the site.

In addition, the Kansas Unmarked Burial Sites Preservation Act, H.B. 2144, was signed into law on April 24 in a formal signing ceremony by Governor Mike Hayden. This new law will protect unmarked burials in Kansas on a state-wide basis from unnecessary disturbance and prohibit unregulated displays of human remains. The law passed the Legislature with overwhelming support on a 123 to 1 vote in the House and a unanimous vote in the Senate. The law will be carried out by a nine-member board (four members are Indian appointees by the Kansas tribes) which will be attached to the Kansas State Historical Society.

With the passage of these new burial protection laws, Kansas has joined the

ranks of a growing number of states which have legislated in recent years to protect the sanctity of Indian graves from unnecessary disturbances and to prohibit the mistreatment of Indian dead.

Supreme Court rules Indian Courts have adoption powers

Washington, D. C. - The Supreme court ruled on April 3 that state courts do not have power to let non-American Indian families adopt Indian children, even when the natural parents leave the reservation to give up custody.

The 6-3 ruling overturned the adoption of Choctaw Indian twins by a Mississippi couple and sent the case to the Choctaw tribal court for further study.

Justice William Brennan, writing

for the court, acknowledged that he was not "writing on a blank slate" in reopening the adoption of Samuel and Megan Holyfield, who were adopted at birth by Orrey and Vivian Holyfield and are now 3 years old.

But Brennan said that a 1978 federal law passed to prevent the involuntary break-up of Indian families squarely places custody decisions in the hands of tribal courts. Had Mississippi followed the Indian Child Welfare Act when the adoption was granted in 1986, "much potential anguish might have been avoided," Brennan said.

He added, however, "It is not ours to say whether the trauma that might result from removing these children from their adoptive family should outweigh the interest of the tribe - and having them raised as part of the Choctaw community. Rather, we must defer to the experience, wisdom and compassion of the tribal courts" in deciding the fate of the twins.

The 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act was enacted at a time when 25 to 35% of all Indian children living were being placed with adoptive families or in foster care.

Sioux tribes defy state highway jurisdiction

By Ivan Star Comes Out
Lakota Times Staff

Rapid City, S. D. - Representatives from seven Sioux nation tribes gathered at a special meeting at Rapid City, South Dakota during April and took action to counteract U. S. District Judge Donald Porter's ruling giving the state of South Dakota criminal and civil jurisdiction on state highways running through Indian reservations.

Porter's ruling came out of a longstanding case the Rosebud Sioux Tribe initiated against the state in 1986.

The Cheyenne River, Oglala Sioux and Standing Rock tribes have since been allowed to enjoin the Rosebud suit.

A joint United Sioux Tribes statement indicated their reaction as one of "disbelief and disagreement" because the decision was contradictory to a 1964 state referendum in which state jurisdiction on Indian reservations was overwhelmingly rejected by a 4 to 1 margin.

The tribes said "the case is starkly inconsistent with the present federal policy of Indian self-determination and government to government relations."

They also claimed the decision ignored the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 which requires tribes to give consent to such jurisdiction matters.

THANK YOU!

We appreciate your support, your help, your votes and, most of all, your confidence. In the months and years ahead, we promise to do the best we can to live up to the faith you have placed in us.

If you think we can help in some way or if you have an idea to help our Tribe, please feel free to contact us. We are here to serve you.

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Incumbents take landslide victory in tribal election

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Lowden, claimed a victory of 722 votes over Dana Scheuerman's 502.

A third Grievance Committee candidate, Linda Capps, ran unopposed and was automatically elected to office.

Steve Lamirand, an attorney of Potawatomi descent, was unopposed in his bid for the Potawatomi

Tribal Court and was named to the bench.

The proposed budget for expenditure of set-aside interest monies was approved 962 to 279.

Tribal District Court Judge Phil Lujan, who had just observed his first Potawatomi General Council, addressed the council before swearing in the successful candi-

dates, and noted, "I was the judge who decided the absentee ballots were unconstitutional in 1985." Lujan went on to praise the Potawatomi for adopting a new constitution with provisions for absentee voting, adding, "It's the people who come from so far away and the people who vote in the elections that legitimize the entire

process."

Lujan called the Citizen Band "one of only two tribes in Oklahoma travelling on a progressive track," and told tribal members not to let anyone "bother" them about their level of blood degree because, "It's not blood degree that makes an Indian. It's what is in your heart and in your mind."

In my opinion - from page 4

ual, establish and maintain a relationship with your tribe, as a government and as a family. To do otherwise is certain cultural and political death.

To those Potawatomi who supported the incumbents, *megwetch*. I truly believe they are the most qualified and dedicated candidates to ever surface in the tribe's political arena. To those of you who voted against them - we're just going to have to try harder to prove to you that their accomplishments and goals are the best ever conceived within the governmental framework established tribally hundreds of years ago.

The traditional Potawatomi government differed from that of many tribes in the fact that there were many leaders, as opposed to one. There was not an omniscient potentate within the tribal structure. Each village had its "chief," as did each family. Persons were honored with "headman" status according to what the circumstances demanded. Certain person's decisions held more weight when war was contemplated; others when hunting tactics were of the utmost importance. The current government has followed that tradition. Each officer and committeeman represents the tribe in a different specialized arena, according to his abilities and interests. There is separation of powers through the legislative, judicial and administrative structures implemented in 1985. If the

hopes and dreams and goals of the current Business Committee were to be boiled down into one word, it would be this: accountability. If you don't believe that, try them out. All records of the council are open to tribal members, all committee meetings held in the "sunshine," and all tribal staff instructed that they work for the Potawatomi people.

As our population, government and operations grow, the single most important thought I would like to offer you is this: educate yourself and educate your children.

We have more than 3,000 brand new tribal members and it's your job to pass the sacred fire on to them. That fire doesn't burn in front of the tribal office, it burns in your heart and in your veins. It is the only guarantee we have that 'Potawatomis are forever.'

The recent passing of Hereditary Chief Frank Wano, nationally acclaimed artist Woody Crumbo, and Dennis Schimmel - a Potawatomi boy from Shawnee who most recently left his mark on the highschool football field - have made me aware of how fragile our

generational tie is. We know so little about our great-grandparents. Are we taking steps to make sure our great-grandchildren will know more about us?

Future issues of the *HowNiKan* will include more child-oriented material than we have in the past because we are finally able to put more youngsters on the roll. Please send your ideas and complaints to the newspaper office. We can only know what's important to you if you tell us. We'd like ideas for the regional councils as well. Call, write or visit, and keep the fire burning.

1989 Election Results

John "Rocky" Barrett

Absentee - 736

Walk In - 121

Cecil Pensoneau

Absentee - 286

Walk In - 143

Dr. Francis Levier

Absentee - 734

Walk In - 116

Robert Leon Bruno

Absentee - 294

Walk In - 148

Hilton Melot

Absentee - 683

Walk In - 115

Richard Whitecotton

Absentee - 340

Walk In - 146

Jerry Paul Motley

Absentee - 563

Walk In - 104

Patty Sue Beeton

Absentee - 407

Walk In - 153

Esther Lowden

Absentee - 613

Walk In - 109

Dana R. Scheuerman

Absentee - 357

Walk In - 145

WATS line operational; dial 1-800-736-6121

The tribe's newly installed 1-800 WATS line number is 1-800-736-6121. The line, available only to out-of-state callers, reaches a central switchboard through which all tribal programs, departments and enterprises can be reached.

Waiting for your card? Please be patient

If you are among those who have applied for Tribal membership under the new desendancy rule, please be patient — and don't apply again. Applications are pouring in and are being processed as quickly as possible. You should receive your card and other information by return mail shortly.